

I have paid but little attention to the Lane since I have been here - I am
now in the English department of the Academy - The Preceptor is a graduate of
Brown College - He is a singing master - Engaged to sing a treat in
the Dutch Church for one hundred dollars but he has a blow up about
a concert & I had advised to quit which I did accordingly -
Mr Bull is studying Law in this village - The noble Duke of Kent
about 1800 back has been here several times - he is a stouthead
& always will be - I saw Peter the great - about little Pete Bull
he is almost as large as I am - Anne is studying "Pheedi" at
New Haven - he is J R Lee - & Bishop - I have ^{seen} Jack Adams about
David Samuels in New York - & even old Isaac Lundy is a
medic in New York at Dr Cheederman 375 Broadway -
Dutch Bull is in a store - Mrs Day has gone to France -
I saw Scovil in New York - I saw Phil Van Ransleam last
Thursday on board a steam boat - Corporal Dought is
tearing away at Blackstone - Dr Bull at medicine -
The memorable class of '36 will turn out a formidable troop
of Divines if I may judge from the catalogue of Yale -
Harris came on here and assisted at the concert - He is quite a dandy
The old FET. is yet in high repute at Yale which is an evidence that
our labour has not in vain been in that respect - It is an evidence that
we committed the care of the infant society to good nurses -
We will heartily say "ESta perpetua" - I cannot possibly
attend Communion - & while You are at home if You come to
Yale just take a trip up the River it is a dig how wide for I do
I can show You some ladies that will bear a comparison with Your
Boston Goodfells or Philadelphia Quakers etc etc -
Now I should like to know what You are learning to play on
the organ for? - I expect it is more on account of the instructions
than the organ - Don't let Your heart be too deeply affected by the sweet
tones - Take a dose of caution for love is a shy dog - The Poet says
"Love springs
Like a metaformer where it is least expected
Extinguishing whether cherished or rejected" -
The last time Elijah wrote me he advised me to marry by all means
before thirty - He said he would go to Ohio to see the Yoke of Synn
just on my neck - Find me a school there where I can gather
the shining dust - Write me soon - I have scratched this in school by
pen and ink - Let me hear all the news - I have never seen You
Yours in the Fellowship of Yale seldom

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Friend Amos

I was most agreeably surprised a few mornings since by a welcome visitor from thee - I had concluded (as you have become a worn mate of old Put) that your old South College associates were all sacrificed for some more sedate ones of Put's selection - But your ^{letter} Amos brought fresh to mind those convivial scenes which we once shared together - I look back on some with peculiar sensations of delight - while the retrospection of others is a source of deep regret - I have often enquired after you but all the information I could learn was from Andrew's Catalogue - Among all my classmates there was not one in whom I placed that entire confidence in so freely as yourself - I had great affection for him but I could not trust him on all occasions - I must sorry to be obliged to drop all correspondence in consequence of our leaving our Alma Mater - I hope that it ^{will} not be the case - I am happy to learn that you are so well pleased with your situation - Beware ^{the} organs - the ambition and accomplishments she may be the cause of strong vibrations which will not be so musical to you - never count danger - there are dangerous shoals & quicksands in life and a woman that nobler part of creation may lead you on to the vortex of mental destruction - Amos you are not invulnerable to the arrow of Cupid's quiver - You know my natural propensity on ^{that} point - I love a woman - For me to be without a favorite among the fair daughters of the land would be a kind of death - It is the life of both sexes to be in love - I have been thus free in my remarks because I inferred from yours that you are a little touched - But don't be in a hurry to take yourself - You have not seen as many comely misses as I have & I sleep alone yet - I have seen twenty seven comely misses - but I don't intend to sleep alone another unless something extraordinary should happen - Don't infer from this that I am already lost - Only intend to do it when I can find the right one - Tell my John & Elizabeth that a letter from him would be gratefully acknowledged by his old friend - I am in a small school out of necessity - I shall leave Poughkeepsie as soon as I can find a place - My success in the singing department has far exceeded